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SUBJECT: M-16 PURCHASES

REF: A) KUALA LUMPUR 5629; B) KUALA LUMPUR 5557;
C) SINGAPORE 4117.

1. COLT REPRESENTATIVES DID MAKE APPLICATION WITH
MUNITIONS CONTROL SEPTEMBER 22 FOR PURCHASE OF 41,000
M-16 RIFLES FOR MALAYSIA. MUNITIONS CONTROL IS EXAMINING
PAPERWORK NOW, AND WE WILL TAKE ALL PROPER STEPS TO
EXPEDITE APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION.

2. COLT STILL HAS NOT SUPPLIED NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION
FOR CHARTERED INDUSTRIES PORTION OF M-16 SALE TO THAILAND.
(NEITHER HAVE THEY PRESENTED THE CONTRACT FOR COLT'S OWN
HALF OF THE ORDER.)

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3. DEPT AGREES WITH POSITION SET FORTH PARA 3, REF A,
THAT WE SHOULD NOT INVOLVE OURSELVES IN ACTIVE PROMOTION
OF COOPERATION IN AREA OF SMALL ARMS PRODUCTION BETWEEN
SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA. (WE ASSUME THAT AMMUNITION PLANT

REFERRED TO WAS NOT ESTABLISHED UNDER FMS OR MAP PROGRAM
OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH LICENSING AGREEMENTS WITH A U.S.
FIRM.) IT IS UP TO GOS TO MERCHANDISE ITS OWN PRODUCT.
OTHERWISE, WE COULD ALSO BE SUBJECT TO CRITICISM FOR
INTERVENTION IN POSSIBLE U.S. COMMERCIAL MARKET OPPORTUNI-
TIES. IN THAT REGARD, EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR SHOULD POINT
OUT TO GOM THAT AMERICAN AMMUNITION SUPPLIERS MIGHT BE
INTERESTED IN GOM MARKET, AND FURNISH APPROPRIATE COMMER-
CIAL DIRECTORY INFORMATION. DEPT PREFERS NOT TO NAME
SPECIFIC COMPANIES AS SUGGESTED REF B, IN ORDER TO AVOID
APPEARANCE OF PARTIALITY AND IN VIEW OF SUBSEQUENT
MUNITIONS CONTROL PROCEDURES. ROBINSON

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